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ALARM AT OAP HOMES 'SECRECY'

■ BY ED HILL

THE proposed development of a 'care village' for elderly people on the outskirts of Wye has revived concerns for picturesque village's future.

The development would be on part of the agricultural college's empty buildings at Withersdale Hall.

The Victorian house and gardens were developed by Imperial College to provide a conference centre and accommodation for staff and students



COLLEGE SITE: Plan of Wye development

at the main campus in the village.

But a developer now wants to knock down the modern buildings and construct a scheme aimed at housing

about 150 elderly people. Villagers say they have only just discovered the full details of the scheme by making a Freedom of Information Act request.

They claim the parish council has known about the plan since August.

Mary Braithwaite, who obtained the information, said: "The parish council has been sitting on this information.

"They have had many opportunities to inform the village. We don't know why they haven't."

Two years ago villagers waged a campaign against Imperial College after it was discovered the campus owner wanted to build a science park

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CATWALK CREAM

Ashford School of Art and Design students displayed their latest creations on the catwalk as part of their end-of-year degree show.

Models and designers created a stir with garments ranging from formal evening wear to raunchy corsets, as well clothes for children.

Visitors also admired work by students on the art, furniture, graphic design and photography courses. Director of curriculum Nicholas Holbrook-Sutcliff said it was an exciting time to be entering careers in the creative industries - an area that was an increasingly important part of the economy. The exhibition, at the college's building on the Henwood industrial estate, continues until Friday, from 9.30am to 4.30pm.



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Park comes to the rescue of endangered music festival

■ BY RACHEL MCATHY

POLICE will be out in force this week at Port Lympne as 10,000 students arrive for a music festival.

The event, called Beach Break Live, was forced to make a last-minute relocation to the wild animal park on Wednesday.

Running till Friday, the festival was planned to be held in St Agnes in Cornwall.

But the location fell through a week before it was set to begin and ticket holders received frantic messages asking them to sit tight, until it was finally relocated to the wildlife and safari park that played host to the Z008 festival last summer.

Tickets cost students 84 pounds and the line-up includes Dizzee Rascal, the Zutons and Hadouken.

Eddie Hill, business development manager at Port Lympne said: "We are very grateful to Beach Break Live for the donation they've made.

"In difficult times, this will go a long way to help support Port Lympne Wild Animal and we are delighted to have them involved."

But locals hoping to see some of the top acts will be disappointed. Tickets are sold and only UCAS card holders can attend the private event.

Celia Norowzian, founder of Beach Break Live said: "I can't say how delighted we are. This has been a heart-breaking few weeks and we feel like a miracle has happened."

After issues with leftover litter at last year's Z008 festival, organisers have pledged a green team of 80 people



GO WILD: Dizzee Rascal will be amongst the acts to appear at Beach Break Live

ple working day and night to manage litter clearance.

As well as musical entertainment, students will get involved in activities such as Blind Fold Long Jump, Silent Disco, the Granny Grand Prix and Zorbing.

With the coastline now over six miles away from the festival, organisers are hoping to take the beach with them with plans to re-create a seaside resort onsite.

Their problems in Cornwall arose from ongoing debates with councillors over planning permission.

A premises license, always required for festivals was granted without issue. But planning permission was also required for campsites on protected land and was refused 10 days prior to the festival.

The two founders of Beach Break Live appeared on BBC2's Dragons' Den programme in 2007.

Their pitch for the UK's first student-only festival won over all four Dragons but they turned down the offers given.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Designers build upon quality to win award

HIGH quality design and build experts Douglas Hick Associates are in line for a regional excellence award after just three years in the construction business.

The Brookland and Romney Marsh based company specialises in building new homes and extensions combining top quality materials and old-fashioned craftsmanship.

The company has been shortlisted for the South East Building Excellence Awards.

Founder Douglas Hick drew on 20 years experience in the construction industry when he set up the company in 2006. Firms were nominated by local council building inspectors.

Mr Hick said: "This really is a vote of confidence from the experts in the building world. Building control inspectors know what they are looking for, and if they say a job's been done well then you know you have got it right."

Independent films to be screened by club

FILM fans in the town will soon get a chance to share their passion at a new club.

Little Empire starts next Wednesday, June 24, at bar Three Zero in Bank Street.

The club will primarily show foreign and independent films, but organisers also hope to be able to screen shorts of up to 15 minutes, including documentaries and animation, to promote local talent.

Tania Kelvie, one of the organisers, said: "We hope, once established, to run events in the future to coincide with the arts festivals."

For more information contact Lisa Goslett on goslett@hotmail.com or info@littleempire.org.uk.

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Keeping the campaign for Eurostar on track

Community urged to write in protest

■ BY ED HILL

CAMPAIGNERS fighting to increase pressure on Eurostar to promote and expand services from Ashford International Station are urging the community to back their efforts.

Last week Minister of State for the Department of Transport, Lord Adonis, announced a financial restructuring of London and Continental Railways, including Eurostar, that would bring it into government control.

Edith Robson from Willesborough, who for two years led the fight against cuts and won the battle for the return of token Brussels services, said: "It is essential the Government realises we have not gone away, we want Ashford trains to be reinstated, and we realise the Government can no longer say they have no power to help."

She has already written to the minister reminding him of the loss of 11 Eurostar services with the opening of Ebbsfleet station in November, 2007, despite her petition with 15,000 signatures of protest to Downing Street.

She pointed out that surveys by passengers indicated that 88 per cent would prefer to use



DETERMINED VOICE: Edith Robson, inset, wants the community to speak up for Eurostar services in Ashford

Ashford, rather than the Eurostar claims that 60 per cent favoured using Ebbsfleet.

Claims that Ebbsfleet would spark a £10 million regeneration to the area are on hold due to the economic situation.

She said: "Ashford by comparison is still actively growing. Would it not make sense to maximise its international travel potential?"

"Numbers on Ashford's re-instated direct services to Brussels are promising... We have many businesses which were set up here because they could access three capitals within two hours. They really need your support."

Ex-employee of Eurostar John Davies from North Street, Ashford, has also written to Lord

Adonis. He said: "I believe Eurostar managers have been forced into this uncomfortable position on Ebbsfleet by past ministers who were looking at the overall Thames Gateway project.

"Having challenged senior managers on their anti-Ashford policy, it leads me to conclude they do not believe company policy is sound."

"We have lost most of our Eurostar services now, which has put a brake on inward investment into Ashford and east Kent."

He said the local French and Belgian community had been betrayed.

Both are urging the public to fire off protest letters to the ministry and MPs demanding the return of full services to Europe from Ashford.

'Village needs family homes'

FROM FRONT PAGE

and housing on its 800-acre farm.

The plans were shelved in April 2007, but the future of the college was left in doubt. Imperial ended all agricultural courses at Wye and closed the research departments.

Its land is rented to local farmers.

Ashford council's planning strategy for Wye is to maintain a "high-quality knowledge-based presence". About 100 students have been taking business courses at the college, run by the University of Kent, but they will end this year.

Mrs Braithwaite said: "An Ashford council survey was absolutely clear that villagers want affordable housing for local people and families. Wye does not need more housing for the elderly."

Parish clerk Jenny Oram said: "The parish council held a meeting with the architects about this scheme in October. The minutes were on our website in November, and in the library. The issue was also on the front page of the newsletter delivered to every household."

"I don't think any parish council does as much as we do to put things in the public domain."

A meeting of the parish council's planning working group, which is open to the public, will be held tomorrow at the Methodist hall from 7.15pm.

Town's rising thirst for water will cause more traffic delays

SOUTHERN Water is working on a multi-million pound wastewater infrastructure project across the south east of the town.

The scheme will mean substantial disruption along the roads where the work will be carried out.

Willesborough will bear the brunt of the work as contractors dig the sewer system from Orbital Park along Hunter Road to the Bybrook waste water treatment plant.

The project will see a new 4km sewer constructed, to secure wastewater services in Willesborough as well as supporting future developments in the Cheeseman's Green and Waterbrook areas of the town.

The project is seen as an important stage in the growth of the town.

Work on the new pipeline started on June 15, with a temporary closure of part of Bentley Road.

Southern Water project engineer Gary Sayers said: "The improvement works in Ashford are vital to allow for further development. Working in a thriving town like Ashford, we

understand people's concerns about noise and traffic and we will be making every effort to minimise disruption while this important scheme is carried out."

The contractor 4Delivery has been working closely with Kent Highway Services to plan the traffic management and it says all diversions will be clearly marked.

So far, £42 million has been spent by Southern Water upgrading the area's water system. The latest works will include a new pumping station in Sevington.

Mr Sayers said: "Health and safety is a priority, so careful management of the traffic and pedestrian walkway is required and we will be working closely with the local council and the community during the work to ensure construction traffic does not adversely impact congestion."

"We wish to reassure residents that while the nature of our work unfortunately does cause some disruption, we will work safely and with them in mind."

Midnight stroll a charitable success

GIRL Power has triumphed to raise around £70,000 for Pilgrims Hospices.

Almost 700 sponsored females took to the streets of Ashford for the 9km Saturday midnight walk to help the charity that cares for patients with a range of life-threatening illnesses.

With a theme of pink, fun and fairy, it was a remarkable sight as the formidable army of volunteers were cheered and hooted by traffic as they snaked their way on the stroll through south Ashford.

The showers held off as town centre customers left the pubs and restaurants to clap and cheer their efforts.

First home, in a time of just under an hour, was Debbie Bentley from the Canterbury area, closely followed by Leslye Barron from Hythe Road, Ashford. But this was not a race and other veterans supporting the cause took far longer.

Organiser Nigel Donkin was delighted, thanking all who participated and everyone who enabled the event to go ahead.

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Questionnaire sent out to decide on name change

CONTROVERSY surrounding changing the name of Church Lane into Church Road in Kenardington has taken another twist.

Ashford council has now sent out a questionnaire asking people if they would like the name of the highway near Hamstreet returned to its original name.

New road signs were recently replaced in the area annoying residents.

Geoff Cornes who is campaigning to have the name changed back said: "I have been talking to people who have had to change the address on their stationary and even a name plaque. If put to the vote most people want it changed back. The name change was not put through the parish council; no one knew anything about it. I now have 127 people who have signed my petition."

Mr Cornes alleges some members of the parish council asked for the name change without following the proper procedure.

Decision time date looms for airport expansion

A DATE has been set for the long-awaited meeting to determine whether the controversial expansion of Ashford Airport in Lydd goes ahead.

A full meeting of Shepway council, which is responsible planning permission for the airport, will happen on July 9. They will determine two applications, one for a new terminal building capable of handling up to 500,000 passengers a year, and one for a 444 metre runway extension, both were made in December 2006 and have been the source of much controversy ever since.

The meeting will be at the Civic Centre in Folkestone.

Beware of the dangers of listeria when cooking

AS part of food safety week Ashford council is highlighting the problem of listeria.

It has published a new page on its website highlighting the dangers of the bug when cooking at home.

Listeria causes more deaths in the UK each year than Salmonella and E.coli combined. It can be particularly serious for vulnerable people. More than 95 per cent of people who get food poisoning from listeria end up in hospital.

For more information and advice visit www.ashford.gov.uk/foodsafety.

Why Lorraine is drawn to eye of storm

■ BY NEILL BARSTON

CHASING the most powerful and destructive forces of nature on the planet is far from an activity for the faint of heart.

But one IT analyst from Ashford has spent the last decade studying some of America's most violent tornadoes.

Lorraine Evans, 30, who works for the NHS in Folkestone, featured in ITV's Nature's Fury programme screened earlier this month with documentary maker Chris Terrill.

Last summer the small team of British storm enthusiasts headed out to the Mid-Western states of the US to capture the devastating power of tornados.

Ms Evans said: "Ever since we had the storms of 1987 here in the UK, I have been fascinated by weather and have done an awful lot of research.

"After watching the film Twister I put a post on a storm-chasing forum about how you



DOCUMENTARY: Stormchaser Lorraine Evans

would go about it, and a couple of months later, a guy from Oklahoma called Dave Ewoldt got back to me.

"We went out to America in 2000 and I've been going back ever since."

The documentary examined tornados from the perspective of storm victims and the team passed through a number of sites that had been affected by storm damage.

She said: "Last year was a bit nuts. We got pretty close to tornados as we wanted to experience what it was like having huge balls of hail falling on us at about 100mph."

"At the end of the film we were in Aurora, Nebraska. We got caught out by a down draft wind that hit us at 110mph and nearly made the van roll. We laughed about it later, but I think we were all in shock."

Lorraine added: "There is an excitement about being involved in storm-chasing, but people get into it for different reasons. I'm a keen photographer and just admire the beauty of the storms."

• You can follow Lorraine Evans' forum posts at www.ukweatherworld.co.uk



VIOLENT: Tornado damage in Oklahoma



Ring road makes design shortlist

THE controversial road has made the list of the Prime Minister's top building projects.

The scheme, described by Top Gear presenter Jeremy Clarkson as having been designed by idiots, is one of 24 public building projects singled out for their innovation, and design quality.

The Better Public Building Award is sponsored jointly by the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE), the Office of Government Commerce and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

Tessa Kordecka from CABE said: "The judges are confident all the projects are of high quality and merit being shortlisted."

Blind and partially-sighted people recently held a protest march on the roads complaining about the dangers that the shared space poses for them.

Commenting on the buildings on the shortlist Gordon Brown said: "We are committed to good quality, sustainable public buildings and infrastructure, as we believe that buildings that work efficiently and effectively improve the lives of those working in and around them and mean better public services."

The Prime Minister's best public building will be announced on October 14 at the British Construction Industry awards. For more information go to www.betterpublicbuilding.org.uk



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DEDICATED: Mark Wilson hopes to return to Kikambala soon to see the friends he made and continue his work

Student reaches out in the battle against poverty

AN 18-year-old from Kennington is spending his spare time from university improving the lives of children in Kenya.

Mark Wilson, who has just finished his first year studying education at Canterbury Christ Church University, travelled to the country as part of a community outreach programme in April.

He said: "It was a life changing experience and I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it. The community spirit in Kenya is something I have never seen before. The way the people group together to resolve their problems is truly inspiring."

He spent his time in the village of Kikambala with other volunteers providing school children with new equipment provided with the help of Ashford businesses. They also helped redecorate the school and provided a new pump for the village well.

He said: "The poverty is inconceivable but there is an unbroken community spirit which is a moving experience to be a part of. An elder of the village I had never met before came over, shook my hand and said: 'Me today, you tomorrow, you today, me tomorrow'. It really made me think a lot about the comparisons of living in the western world."

■ BY ED HILL

The project has set up links between Ashford Rotarians and their counterparts in Mombasa, which Mr Wilson hopes will grow stronger in the coming years.

He now has ambitions to start a project concentrating on the problems created by HIV/Aids in the country and is determined to return there while continuing his education.

He said: "While I was there it dawned on me how serious the problem is. There is a huge stigma attached with it. A lack of knowledge and education seems to be the main problem."

Mr Wilson also recently received an award with other students at Christchurch for his volunteer work.

Judy Challis, volunteering co-ordinator at the university said: "Volunteering is important for all students, not just for their CV, but it shows them to have a more rounded personality. Initiatives such as this strengthen the university's ties with the wider community and it is something we hope to continue in the future."

Mr Wilson said: "I look forward to returning soon to follow up on some of the things I did not have time to do the first time around. I will also return to see some great friends."

Enjoy a festival of classical delights

THE Stour Music Festival in Boughton Aluph begins this weekend.

The festival was founded by counter-tenor Alfred Deller in 1962 and is held over the last two weekends of June in All Saints' church overlooking the Stour valley. The festival is now organised by Mr Deller's son Mark, with the help of more than 70 volunteers, and attracts top classical musicians from around the world.

This year's acts include Gonzaga who will perform music from the age of Monteverdi, Fretwork, celebrating the 350th anniversary of Henry Purcell and many others.

See www.stourmusic.org.uk for details or call 01227 378188 to book tickets.



TUNE IN: Fretwork will be performing

Stanhope work wins award

THE team behind the regeneration of Stanhope has won a top housing award for its work at the estate.

The Chrysalis consortium was named Regeneration Team of the Year at the Housing Heroes awards.

The event was organised by Inside Housing magazine and the Chartered Institute of Housing, to highlight the work carried out by people in the affordable housing sector.

The group at Stanhope is made up of Gleeson Capital Solutions, Nationwide Commercial and the Moat housing association. The contractors for new build and refurbishment are Denne Construction. They received their award from ex Conservative minister and broadcaster Michael Portillo at the ceremony held in London.

Stanhope is undergoing a £150m regeneration after a 30-year PFI contract was signed with Ashford council.

Tracey Kerly, head of housing at Ashford council said: "It's fantastic news and well deserved but the heroes are not just the team which are changing the lives of the residents of Stanhope but the tenants themselves who believed in them and stuck with them and helped us all deliver solutions that worked."



WELL DONE: From left, Colin Rossiter, Tracey Kerly, Pam Millington and Michael Portillo at the ceremony

By 2012 the project will see the refurbishment of 323 homes and the replacement of seven blocks of apartments with 442 new high quality homes. Seventy percent of these will be available for rent or shared ownership through Moat, while 30 per cent will be for sale on the open market.

Pam Millington, Moat's neighbourhood contracts manager, said: "We are delighted Chrysalis' hard work has been officially recognised. It is a testimonial to the consortium's dedicated partnership working and to the significant positive change at Stanhope."

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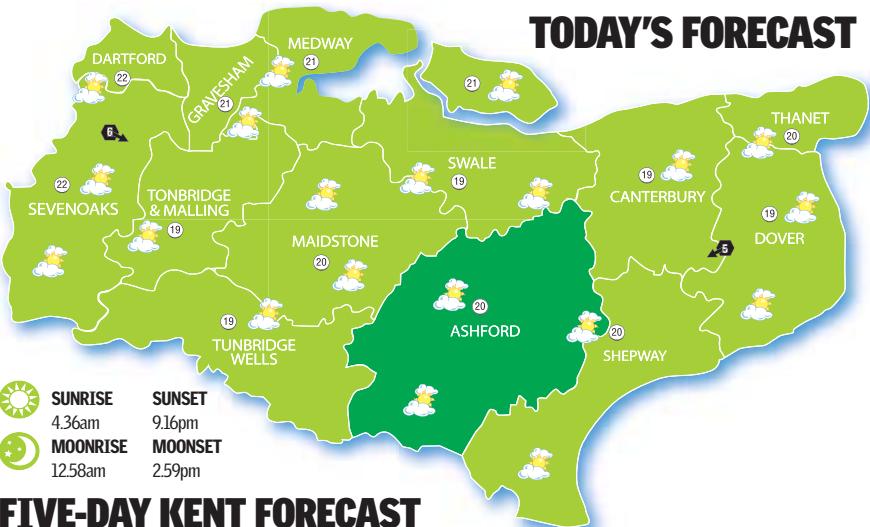
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THE line up for this summer's Create Festival in Victoria Park has been announced.

It includes up-and-coming singer-songwriter Nick Harrison (recently signed to A&M records) and alternative rockers Hold Fire (soon to release their debut album after a tour of the UK and Japan) playing the main stage.

The event will be finished off by Status Quo tribute act Counterfeit Quo.

This will be the 40th year of the festival and the last in its current format as it seeks new funding due to council cutbacks.

Around 5,000 people are expected to visit the festival, which will also include the Right Track Music School Stage for up-and-coming local bands and the DJ stage, run by new underground label Sideways Recordings. This year organisers received 140 applications from bands and artists from all over the UK.

On top of the music there will be a worldwide funfair, various exhibition stalls, face painting, children's attractions and much more.

Chris Dixon, Arts Development Officer for Ashford Borough Council, said: "The festival doesn't need selling given the big names we have attracted to Ashford this year. This is all thanks to our dedicated team of volunteers and music providers who work so hard, year on year to make Ashford's day a roaring success."

The festival takes place on July 26 from noon until 8pm.

The full line up: **Create Main Stage:** 7-745 Counterfeit Quo, 6-645 Nick Harrison, 515-545 Hold Fire, 4.30-5 Black Market Karma, 345-415 Kingsize, 3-330 Robert Harris, 2.15-2.45 The Flack, 1.30-2 Phantom Lacuna, 12.45-1.15 Modern Beach, 12-1.20 Stone Thrower. **Right Track Music Stage:** 7 Carnelian, 6 Flat Lung, 5 Charlotte Rose, 4.20 Disturbing The Peace, 3.40 Endgame, 3 TGR, 2.20 Glitch Abuse, 2 Deborah Mumford. **Sideways Recording Stage:** Thom, Episodes, Keydin, Fraser Owen, Ayrt, Phono Suspects, Kaz, Alien FM, The Rumblist.

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Q & A

The passionate wildlife supporter and area representative for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds spoke to **Nick Ames** about the simple things people can do to turn their gardens into a haven for nature

Q What is the best way to make your garden as friendly as possible for birds and animals?

A I always tell people they can do a lot of good just by being a bit lazy. If you leave some patches of grass to grow long or let piles of leaves collect, you'll attract insects, which provides food for birds and other wildlife.

If you relish a spot of gardening, trees like birch and rowan, or shrubs like pyracantha or hawthorn are good. Even some non-native flowers work well – buddleias and sedum attract butterflies. Plant one and you'll be able to measure its success instantly – sit back and watch as the butterflies flock to your handiwork.

Q What are the most common creatures that can be spotted in gardens in Kent?

A It can really depend on the garden itself – the more 'wildlife-friendly' features you've got, the more species you're likely to see. Kent does pretty well for starlings and house sparrows, although numbers are nothing like they used to be. Kent has also seen more great tits in recent years, and more greenfinches too.

At this time of year, also look out for hedgehogs feeding on worms as dusk falls and for butterflies like common blues and large whites.

Q And what are the most exotic?

A Birds like swifts and house martins might not seem exotic but they've made incredible journeys from Africa to get here. Warblers will

have done the same. They might not look much, but just listen to them sing – their song is one of my favourite sounds of summer.

The willow warbler's song is particularly beautiful, a descending harmony of notes that starts softly and ends with a fancy flourish.

From the other end of the globe, look out for redwings and fieldfares from Scandinavia, especially if you've got bird-feeders. Both look a bit like song thrushes, in fact they're related to them, but redwings have rusty-red flanks, and fieldfares have orangey-yellow breasts.

Q Is climate change a factor for local wildlife?

A I've been told off for using the analogy of canaries down the mine before – mainly because it's a terrible pun – but that's exactly what wildlife is, especially birds, when it comes to detecting the impact climate change is having on our world.

Last year, an RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) and BTO (British Trust for Ornithology) study found that chaffinches are now laying eggs about a week earlier than they did in the mid-1960s, and that blue tits, robins and swallows are showing similar patterns. It might not seem much, but birds like blue tits only have one brood per year, and they actually time it to coincide with the emergence of caterpillars. The last few years have seen a shortage of caterpillars at this crucial time because the chicks have arrived too early.

Q How can people spot rarer creatures such as badgers?

A Contact Kent Wildlife Trust, who'll put you in touch with some good badger-watching sites. If you have badgers using your garden, keep an eye out around dusk and into the evening, as this is when they're most likely to forage for food. Badgers are very social creatures, so they'll also use this time to play – a marvellous sight if you're lucky enough to see it.

If you reckon badgers are in the area, you can encourage them by putting food out – they love peanuts especially. While it's not great to feed them loads of sugary things, they also have a remarkably sweet tooth, so putting out the odd bit of cake will be much appreciated.

Q How did you get involved in wildlife conservation?

A I grew up in the Cotswolds and spent endless summers as a child peering under rocks, digging about in the dirt, and generally driving my mum potty with all the wonders I'd found. I remember finding a fossil once and sending it off to the Really Wild Show, hoping the show's presenter Chris Packham would knock on my door. Now I'm working for the RSPB, Chris is our vice-president and I've been lucky enough to meet him.

• *Register to receive a free wildlife-gardening advice pack with the RSPB's Homes for Wildlife. Visit the website at www.rspb.org.uk or call 0870 240 1001.*

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Landlord's high hopes for Scarecrow of the South

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

A 100ft statue dubbed the Scarecrow of the South could soon be welcoming visitors to Romney Marsh and be seen as far away as France.

Based on legendary fictional smuggler Dr Syn, the prospective landmark could be south Kent's answer to Mark Wallinger's White Horse monument to be built at Ebbsfleet – which has been called the Angel of the South.

This would see Kent have two new tourist attractions to bring in visitors.

The statue project is the brainchild of pub landlord and author Niko Miaoulis and artist Terry Anthony, who together have continued to promote the character inspired by Russell Thorndike's novels.

The idea is still in its early stages, but land has already been set aside for the statue at Haguelands Farm and informal discussions are taking place with Shepway council.

Mr Anthony, whose paintings of Dr Syn have been used in novels and DVD covers, said the idea came about when he and Niko were discussing how best to refurbish the 500-year-old Ship Inn.

He said: "We were talking about creating a smuggling theme in the pub and there was a suggestion of a statue outside the entrance and it just grew from there."

"Using statues as huge pieces of art seems to be in vogue at the moment and it's just what the marsh needs. It's not a rival to the horse in Ebbsfleet – that's a long way away from here – but it would be an incredible draw."

"It is an unusual idea. I'm pretty sure there will be objections, but 90 per cent of the people I've spoken to think it's wonderful."



STRIKING: A Scarecrow of the South could join the planned White Horse to decorate the county's skyline

Landlord Mr Miaoulis, who has relaunched the Ship Inn as a shrine to the Dr Syn myth, said: "The story is firmly rooted in local history. The character itself can be traced back to the 1700s and is an amalgam of three different people."

"The idea just snowballed and there's been a huge groundswell of support."

"The geography of the marsh lends itself to it. We can already see pylons and wind turbines, which are not exactly pretty, but this would be something meaningful for the marsh."

"It would be a very public monument and will probably even be seen from France."

Initial estimates suggest the statue could be 60ft-100 ft high but would not dominate the landscape in the same way as the wind turbines or pylons. By comparison, a turbine is about 400 ft in height. The statue would be made out of black stainless steel to withstand all weathers, with the maize maze site at Haguelands Farm touted as a possible location.

Mr Anthony said last year's DVD release of Disney's 1964 film of the story, which starred Patrick McGoohan, had generated even more interest in the character's mythology.

He said: "If they commission a remake, it would be the icing on the cake. I'm not sure how they would do it, but the scarecrow could be silhouetted and would make for a fabulous backdrop."

Leading London theatre producer Mark Sinden and Chris Hogben, star of TV's Bargain Hunt, have also thrown their support behind the project.

BBC bids farewell to Bev and Geoff

BBC South East Today has axed its two presenters – Geoff Clark and Beverly Thompson.

The duo had presented the weekday news programme from studios in Tunbridge Wells for the last five years.

But last week they were told they were to be replaced by the younger duo of Polly Evans and Rob Smith.

Mr Clark (right) – who moved to the BBC from Meridian in 2004 and is credited with transforming its viewing figures – will not have his contract extended when it expires in October. Mrs Thompson will remain with the programme in a different capacity. Both are said to be upset by the decision.



The BBC's head of region, Mick Rawsthorne, said: "We know viewers will miss Bev and Geoff and I can assure the audience this decision was not taken lightly. Both are excellent presenters in their own right and their warm, engaging, humorous partnership has been the backbone of the programme for five years."

"There have been some fabulous moments and I really want to thank them for all their hard work."

"This move represents a development of the programme which covers an area that sits at the heart of some of today's biggest stories."

"Our audiences tell us they want to see the big news stories affecting the region and these changes reflect the more journalistic approach that viewers are asking for in today's climate."

South East Today TV editor Quentin Smith said: "Both Rob and Polly are already known to viewers as much for their professionalism in reporting as for their presenting abilities."

"They have both developed their skills here at South East Today, and while I know Bev and Geoff will be a hard act to follow, we hope viewers will take Rob and Polly to their hearts."

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Farmers set out their stall after a fruitful first year

Join the party as successful village venture just keeps on growing

THE popular Elham Farmers' Market will celebrate its first anniversary this weekend with a slice of birthday cake for everyone.

The market has offered seasonal produce from local growers to villagers and visitors twice a month for the past year and has been a roaring success, despite the recession.

The anniversary will be marked with balloons, apple-bobbing for children and a piece of cake for all visitors, from Gatehouse Farm in North Elham.

Sunday will also see the first visit of Fish from Hastings and Rye, selling a selection of locally-caught wet and smoked fish. The market's popularity has soared in its first 12 months and has attracted a loyal following on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

Folkestone-born TV chef Phil Vickery has been a supporter of the market from day one, not just because he began his culinary journey by working at the Rose and Crown pub in the village.

He said: "I am delighted that the market has been such a success so far, and will become a permanent feature in Elham.

"Congratulations to the local producers for providing such a range of high-quality goods and to the shoppers for recognising and appreciating the value of good seasonal local food produced by people who care."

Each market has about a dozen stalls boasting pork, lamb, beef, game, specialist breads, fruit and veg, flowers, plants, bushes and vegetable seeds, cakes, pies, curries, jams, chutneys, fresh and pickled eggs, apple juice, cheese, olives and fish.

The market takes place from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the



courtyard of the Rose and Crown, in the centre of the village.

Anne Leva, Elham Farmers' market manager, said: "Throughout this first year, and despite the credit crunch, we have achieved our aims of providing locally-produced food to residents and visitors for the benefit of consumers and producers.

"Elham Farmers' Market is a popular place for shoppers to meet, to buy quality, local food at fair prices and meet the producers.

"It helps the environment by reducing food miles and encourages healthy eating by making fresh, high-quality

food available in season and at realistic prices."

June markets are the best time to discover the tastes of early summer. The first Kentish fruit is available, so strawberries and gooseberries can replace rhubarb on the menu.

Asparagus is still around, but young broad beans, peas and new potatoes can be enjoyed with new season lamb.

June is also a good month for quail, beef and guinea fowl, while fish in season include mackerel, plaice and lemon sole.

- **For more information about the market visit www.elhamfarmersmarket.co.uk which includes regularly-updated information about what products are in season, recipe suggestions and market news.**



Support local producers at one-stop website

THE success of the farmers' market is once again underlining the importance and popularity of buying fresh local and in-season produce.

These values lie at the very heart of KOS Media's 2009 campaign.

Spearheaded by our www.foodfor kent.co.uk website – which brings together a host of the county's top suppliers under one online roof in one great value one-stop shop – we are urging our readers to support local growers and suppliers of food and drink. Not only does this boost the local economy and protect jobs and our rural heritage, but the food tastes great and contains all the nutrients and vitamins we need to stay fit and healthy.

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Buy fresh from growers at garden centre event

A FARMERS' market will be held at McFarlane's Garden Centre, Swingfield, on the A269 near Folkestone, from 10am to 2pm today (Wednesday). Entry is free.

- **Call 01304 844244 for more details.**



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Blue-eyed brunette, 27, 5ft1, loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105

GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

Sociable girl, 28, loves pubs, social drinks, meeting new people, more, seeks similar male, 58-62, for a lasting relationship. Box 447556

DESTINY CALLING

Hello I'm 28, 5ft6, dark hair, blue-green eyes, likes going out, the cinema, the gym, looking for LTR with a loving, caring male. Box 452305

ME AND YOU

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Loving loyal female, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, gift or baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471

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CUDDLY FEMALE

32, 5ft6, brown hair, curly figure, enjoys having fun and a laugh and WLTN nice, kind gent. Box 439402

HAPPY DAYS!

Attractive, fun-loving female, 31, 5ft4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734

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Petite, dark-haired girl, 33, 5ft, loves badminton, cinema and more, searching for an active man, with heart and soul. Box 881047

SOULD GOOD?

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Fair-haired female, 35, 5ft, loves the gym, pubs, nights out and fine company, searching for fun bloke, for life, love and laughter. Box 881011

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Open, honest straight girl, 37, 5ft6", slim, pale and cute, own home, searching for sensible, strong, young man, to help me relax and enjoy life. Box 451524

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Honest, bubbly female, 45, long hair, slim, enjoys walking, cinema, socialising; seeks honest, friendly chap for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 880900

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Easy-going blonde animal lover, 41, long hair, seeks honest, friendly chap for friendship leading to more. Box 882693

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Female, 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim, likes eating out, the beach, travel, sees a friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings Box 447100

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Seeking honest woman, who I can be myself with. I'm a genuine male, 34, GSOH, enjoys sports, sky diving, swimming, Box 448762

DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS?
Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the cinema, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal male 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444863

FANCY A FILM?
Hi, I'm Pam, 47, 5ft11, brown hair, 50yrs old, likes clubbing, pubbing and spending time with my family, looking for a nice man to fall in love again with. Box 452212

SHOULD BE SO LUCKY
Hello, I'm Karen, 42, dark brown hair, medium build, GSOH, looking for a man with no issues and GSOH who can enjoy life with me. Box 452204

A WARM HEART AND GSOH
Lovely bubbly mum, 43, 5ft6, green eyes, dark hair, medium build, loves salsa dancing, new things, bowling, quiet nights in...looking for a companion and more. Box 880900

SWING THIS WAY
Sweet girl, 43, 5ft2, brown hair/eyes, nurse, searching for active man, for a relationship. Box 448626

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL
Good-looking Brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with GSOH for friendship/relationship. Box 450348

STIMULATING COMPANY
Bubble, caring, single mom, 46, WLTM nice male, for good conversations, company and maybe more. Box 396829

BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER
Recently divorced woman, 43, 5ft3, slim, hard-working, fun-loving, likes life, looking for a really nice and trustworthy guy for a relationship. Box 451469

TLR ON OFFER FOR THE RIGHT PERSON!
Blonde, blue eyed woman, 44, loving, looking for Mr Right. I love going out, nights in, movies, walking, local gigs. WLTM the right man for TLC. Box 880280

CUTE AS CAN BE
Cute single mom of four, 38, Kent-based, into lots of things, looking for friendship, possibly romance. Box 449524

ALONG THE SHORE
Maggie here, I'm a Scottish girl, 39, 5ft2, been living down South for nearly 16 years. I like pubs, cinema, wine bars. Box 883010

GENUINE REPILES ONLY
Bubbly female, 44, blonde, N/S, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pre-smoker for LTR. Box 449595

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Kind, loving and caring mom, 43, 5ft5, round but cuddly! Just looking for someone to share my life with...about you? St. Leonards-on-Sea. Box 446457

ARE YOU LOVING & CARING?
Young 48 year old, loving, caring, very bubbly, 5ft5, medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes clubs, cinema, eating out, cosy nights, good company Box 440893

BE MY GUY
Young 50s lady, 5ft4, fair hair, a smoker, loves music, going out, cooking, gardening, seeking similar loving, caring, honest male. Box 442988

HERE AND NOW
Outgoing lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, nights out and in with a quiet bottle of wine, seeks man to love forever. Box 449524

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Female, early 60s, tall, slim, modern, young thinking & very adaptable to people, own house, loves animals, walking & eating out. Hastings. Box 440502

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Caring slim female, 5ft2, like meals out, cinema, walks, gardening and golf, looking for a kind and loving companion. Box 60-68. Box 450581

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ANY OFFERS?
Curvy female, 26, 5ft8, blue eyes, likes reading, painting, walks and nights out. WLTM an honest, sincere and feminine female for a possible relationship. Box 452108

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Fun-loving guy with 2 kids, 39, friends say I'm good-looking, seeking a lovely and nice woman to start something special with. Box 452351

FULL MARKS
Hi I'm Andrew, 38, 6ft3, dark hair, blue eyes, hardworking guy, friendly, tactile, outgoing, likes enjoying life, WLTM easygoing female for friend/relationship. Box 443488

TRUSTWORTHY
Mature female, 37, 5ft3, dark hair, nice big build. I work in residential care which I love. I'm down-to-earth, kind, tactile, with a GSOH. Box 423437

HOMELY SORT
Hello there, I'm looking for a kind, gentle partner, a homely woman, 46-55, with GSOH. She's 5ft6, and enjoys cinema, reading, antiques, gardening, music. Box 451311

LOVELY BUBBLY

Short 51yr old professional lady, likes history, films and reading, seeking a genuine gent 45-58, with GSOH to enjoy evenings out, stimulating conversations and fun. Box 452311

ENTERTAIN ME

Female, 50, medium build, blonde, quite short, seeking tall, confident, sensual guy for regular wiring, dining, loving and laughter, must be honest, genuine and loving. Box 438854

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Female, 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim, likes eating out, the beach, travel, sees a friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings Box 447100

WHY WAIT?

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Good-looking male, 25, tall and slim, love walking, listening to rock band, attends church, WLTM a kind and caring female, age unimportant to connect with. Box 445553

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ATTRACTION FELLA

Tall, dark and handsome chap, 33yrs old. I'm looking for a lovely, attractive woman, 21-45, to get to know. Give me a call! Box 451693

FALLING FOR YOU

Stocky male, 34, 6ft, dark hair, slim, likes formula 1, swimming, looking for a female for fun, friendship, hopefully a LTR. Box 452558

LOVE ME TENDER

Fun-loving honest guy, 34, 5ft1, brown hair, seeking honest, caring friend for friendship, maybe leading to honest, tender relationship. Eastbourne. Box 446200

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

Seeking honest woman, who I can be myself with. I'm a genuine male, 34, GSOH, enjoys sports, sky diving, swimming, Box 448762

DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS?

Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the cinema, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal male 42-52 for a relationship. Box 444863

FANCY A FILM?

Hi there, I'm Pam, 47, 5ft11, brown hair, 50yrs old, likes clubbing, pubbing and spending time with my family, looking for a nice man to fall in love again with. Box 452212

SHOULD BE SO LUCKY

Lovely bubbly mum, 43, 5ft6, green eyes, dark hair, medium build, loves salsa dancing, new things, bowling, quiet nights in...looking for a companion and more. Box 880900

SWING THIS WAY

Sweet girl, 43, 5ft2, brown hair/eyes, nurse, searching for active man, for a relationship. Box 448626

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

Good-looking Brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with GSOH for friendship/relationship. Box 450348

STIMULATING COMPANY

Bubble, caring, single mom, 46, WLTM nice male, for good conversations, company and maybe more. Box 396829

BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER

Recently divorced woman, 43, 5ft3, slim, hard-working, likes singing and theatre



Winners build bright future

THERE is no shortage of building talent in the town given the recent results from South Kent College's construction awards.

Twelve of the 30 winners came from the Ashford area, showing top-class skills in fields such as bricklaying, carpentry, electrics, plumbing and decorating.

Winners included brickies Steven Hodges and Dominic Hills.

Steven's tutor Peter Ewbank said: "Steven has proved to be a very hardworking and skilful bricklayer who produces consistently high standards."

Aaron Thompson picked up an award for decorating. His tutor Mark Thompson said: "Aaron has shown great commitment to his course, seeking out an apprenticeship to further his studies and experience. He was, in fact, offered two apprenticeships, which demonstrates that others also recognise his talent and ability. We look forward to welcoming him back to college next year as an apprentice."

Winners collected prizes worth thousands of pounds at the awards held at the Kingsnorth Hall at the college's Folkestone campus.

South Kent College principal, Monica Box,

■ BY ED HILL

told the winners that it was not only their aptitude for learning and developing their skills that was a cause for celebration.

Mrs Box said: "We're celebrating your attitude. Every tutor has singled your approach, your hard work, your commitment. These individual personal skills are the ones that employers are looking for and they will give you a critical edge when you are seeking employment. Applying these same skills to every aspect of your lives, whatever you do, wherever you go, will see you through life."

She was accompanied in the prize-giving by South Kent College governor, Mike Pollard, Human Resources Manager at Dungeness power station, who seconded her assessment of the students' dedication.

The awards were sponsored by many businesses involved in the construction industry.

Other Ashford winners included: John Allan and Matthew Till (plumbing), Mathew Bruton (carpentry), Richard Fox (Electrics), Paul Pettitt (Decorating), Chris Llong (plastering), Alan Denman (Health and Safety), Harry Lane (multi-skills) and Paul Hirst (BTEC winner).

BREAK TIME



FURRY FRIEND: Two nervous boys get to grips with a tarantula at the pre-school's science day

So what's bugging these youngsters?

CHILDREN at Ashford Pre Prep school recently had a visit from insect specialist Lee Gibbs as part of a school science day.

His Big Bug Show offers children a hands-on experience of discovering science. During the visit he introduced four types of bugs; cockroaches, millipedes, snails and spiders to the children, who learnt about the environments each of the creatures lives in and what makes them different from each other.

Brown Owl needs willing volunteer

THE First Bybrook Brownies, based at the Phoenix School in Kennington, is urgently in need of a volunteer aged over 18 to help Brown Owl, Heather Dorsett.

The group runs a variety of events and activities for children aged 7 to 11 years.

There are 16 brownies based at the site of the old Bybrook Junior School. They are currently training to achieve their cycling badges as well as participating in games, craft and fun activities.

Heather Dorsett said: "Anyone who feels willing and able to help will derive a great sense of satisfaction."

If you are interested, contact Heather Dorsett on 07834 242141.



PEDALLING THEIR WARES: Bybrook Brownies



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Give football's minnow nations a little World Cup of their own

THE England v Andorra qualifying match for next year's World Cup was a nice little run out for our top players, who are now all away on a beach somewhere.

And they left in style – 6-0 was a good result even if their opponents are really nothing more than an average non-league team.

They would probably turn Ashford or Folkestone over – but I think Dover might be a bit too much for them.

And as the argument goes – you can only beat the opposition you are set up against.

But the question remains, should nations such as England even be playing against the likes of Andorra?

The same night as England triumphed the Faroe Islands were in action and got away with a 2-0 home defeat to Serbia.

Malta played as well and lost 4-0 to Sweden.

Not in action were such giants of the European game as San Marino – actually ranked at 191 in the world just below Bhutan

and Macau – various offshoots of the old Asian part of the USSR and even places such as Luxembourg, who have always played in European qualification to no avail whatsoever.

But I don't feel smaller nations should be deprived of the chance to play in the World Cup.

Cricket and rugby have offered the ideal solution. Have a preliminary tournament with these countries in a group on their own.

San Marino v Malta might be competitive. At least the players from both sides would improve in proper games, not one-sided massacres.

They would learn to play together and attack – not just pack their own penalty area and try to foul anyone who makes a run at them.

And if enough of these groups – such as another one for the Eastern Europeans – could be set up the winners of each could play off.

Then the winners of a sort of minnows world cup could have a shot at qualification for the tournament itself by playing the third placed team in Oceania, or the fourth best side in Asia, or the runners-up from North America.

That way they would actually have a realis-

tic chance of playing in the finals themselves.

Fans of mid-ranking clubs may find this unfair but at least the likes of Belarus, Norway and Latvia can compete against Italy, Holland and Germany.

This appears so sensible, I wonder why it isn't done.

Oh yes, I realise now.

Money.

Every match played is a chance to get a crowd in sell replica shirts, burgers and hotdogs and have the TV rights haggled over.

Also there is the vote – every country has one so I don't suppose the Maltese FA are miss out on the odd money-spinner against France.

But a look at the wider picture might see their football progress to a point where it is worthwhile them playing the game and not just losing 5-0 every time they take the field.

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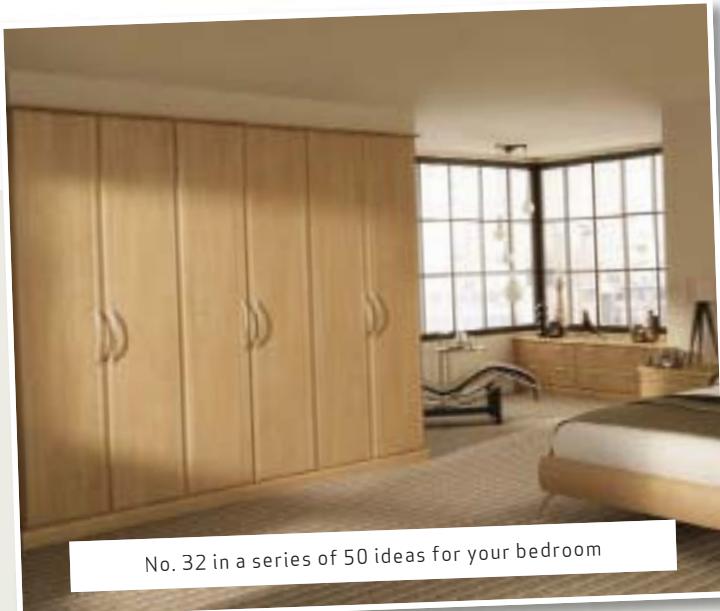
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TALK TIME

TREVOR COBB

The owner of the Microwave Service Company in Sellindge explains how army life was replaced with kitchen equipment



What is the history of the business?

I have been here since 1996. We repair and service commercial and domestic microwaves. We also sell machines and accessories at Kitchenwareonline.com.

How did you get into repairing microwaves?

I was in the army for 15 years. I used to fix large guns in the army like tanks and artillery. Obviously there was not much call for that once I got into Civvy Street but fixing things is what I have done my entire career. Someone offered me the chance to learn how to fix microwaves and it went from there.

Are they easy to repair and is it worth it?

For cheaper models it can be hard to get spares but for better ones and combined ovens it is worth it. People say they don't like microwaving food but they are really useful and versatile, especially when people have less time.

Did you enjoy army life?

Yes I did. It was very good while I was single but once I had a family I wanted to do something more suited to that lifestyle. I also get to make my own decisions now.

Do you have any other hobbies?

I am an advanced motorcyclist and an advanced driver. I wanted to do the bike course as a challenge and then did the car course later. I am now a qualified observer and coach people towards taking their advanced test.

I would always recommend people try doing it because people get into bad habits. I am a member of the local advanced car club. I am allocated a driver and then instruct them up until the time of their test. You can save money on insurance, but I think there needs to be more of an incentive to do it.

YOUR LETTERS

Increased need to scrutinise council

I would like to congratulate Yourashford for its balanced and straightforward coverage of the county council elections, both in the run up and the results.

You covered the main issues for each area in simple, straightforward terms that helped me make a decision and I'm sure many others too.

The result: a sweeping win for the Conservatives across the county means local newspapers like yours will have an increased need to monitor and call to account the people at county hall.

Eric Thompson,
Charing

Voters should think carefully next time

The local elections may have been a disaster for Labour in Kent but is anyone surprised?

The county has no history of voting anything other than Conservative for as long as anyone can remember. And that's whether its local, national, or Euro.

So I don't think anyone can say the local disaster for Labour means much at all.

Across the country I know it wasn't a good night. But people should think very carefully about voting for the opposition. Do we really want another Tory government in power?

Emma Hope
By email



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From the Nazis to the nationalists

At the weekend when Britain, France the USA and the rest of the free world commemorated the D Day landings which liberated Europe from the Nazi the electorate in this country sent two BNP members to the European Parliament.

How low Britain has fallen.

Neil Holmes
By email

It's an odd way to remember the war

I was interested in the D Day reports in your newspaper last week. But I do wonder what the people who re-enact the military stories add to the occasion.

People lost their lives during those battles and I do not feel comfortable with the fact people celebrate it by dressing up. It must look very strange to the real veterans. But I suppose it gives younger people an idea of what went on during the battles of the last century so maybe it is good as "living history".

In any case it was a moving occasion and although I only watched on television I got a real sense of how much it meant to all who attended.

Julian Paynter
By email

What about a ferry from Folkestone?

Plans for new cross channel services from Dover and increased

profits predicted for the existing ones are all very well – but when is someone going to take the plunge and put Folkestone back on the cross channel map?

The old services to Boulogne were far more convenient than Dover to Calais – mainly because the town has much easier connections to the main French road system.

It is also a far nicer place to visit on a day trip.

Paula Wilmott
By email

We've set our sights on Westminster

On behalf of the UK Independence Party, I want to thank all of the people who voted in the European election, which resulted in Ukip coming second in Medway, and second in the country.

If we can continue this growth, the next general election will see Ukip MPs at Westminster, where we can really start to make changes to put the great back into Britain.

None of Ukip's candidates are "professional politicians", we stand because we believe in what we say, a Britain governed by Westminster, but we also believe in the independence of MPs and citizens.

MPs must be answerable to their constituents, not the parliamentary party. Thank you, once again, to those who voted Ukip.

Bob Oakley, Ukip, prospective parliamentary candidate for Gillingham and Rainham

It's healthy to enjoy a picnic in the sun

With summer here, I am writing to let KOS Media readers know about our Wildflower Picnic, on Sunday.

We at World Cancer Research Fund (WCRF) are encouraging people in Kent to hold their own Wildflower Picnics and raise funds for our cancer prevention research and education programmes.

Scientists estimate about a third of the most common cancers could be prevented by eating a healthy diet, being physically active and maintaining a healthy weight. And what better way to enjoy some healthy treats than in the sunshine?

Readers are welcome to hold their picnics in any location suitable for them, take along lots of healthy dishes and perhaps a frisbee or other traditional picnic games – all in the name of raising money for a great cause. To find lots of recipe ideas, posters, picnic invitations and even a guide to holding your own picnic, visit www.wcrf-uk.org/picnic.

Natalie Tarrant,
events manager, WCRF

Save our fish stocks by going vegetarian

Pret A Manger should be congratulated for removing tuna sandwiches from its stores after learning about the dangers of commercial fishing

methods from the new film, The End Of The Line.

Commercial fishing of the oceans has devastated both fish stocks and the aquatic environment. But tuna is not the only fish affected. Herring, cod, hake, redfish and mackerel are the fish species most commonly exploited commercially across the world – some of which are close to becoming extinct as a result.

When one species declines, another is targeted, meaning the fishing industry is causing the collapse of the world's fisheries.

If companies and consumers are truly concerned about protecting this valuable eco-system, they should not turn to alternative species, such as salmon, to replace tuna, but opt for vegetarian ingredients instead – which are totally sustainable and healthy.

Tuna are also among the most contaminated fish, so even if you don't care about the environment, you may care about your health.

This is because fish at the top of the food chain (such as tuna, shark, swordfish, tilefish and king mackerel), have the highest concentrations of persistent organic pollutants.

The Government says women of child-bearing age and children under 16 should not eat large amounts of tuna because of potential methylmercury exposure.

For more on overfishing and the environment, see www.viva.org.uk/guides/endoftheline.htm. For recipes and health information, see www.vegetarian.org.uk/campaigns/fish/.

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Fairford in Gloucestershire the following year.

Other planned aerial displays include the poignant Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, RAF Typhoon jets and more aerobatic delights from the Aerostars.

Come back down to earth in the nicest possible way with the fantastic entertainment lined up on land. Rock out to classic Queen hits during the spectacular music show, They Will Rock You, which pays tribute to a number of iconic music stars on Saturday night. This authentic performance of Queen's legendary live concert also features guest stars 'Tina Turner' and the Magic of the Bee Gees. A thrilling firework finale



will round off Saturday's entertainment in explosive style.

With street entertainers, a funfair and live music on offer, this year's Big Event looks set to be even bigger than ever. Refreshments will be available in the beer tent and food and drink village, while kids will be amused by the children's entertainers.

To help people reach the action, a free shuttle bus will be running from Margate railway station to Palm Bay during the event. Parking is available opposite the site, priced at £5, while those who choose to arrive on two wheels can reach the site using the Viking Cycle Trail.

The event runs from 10am to 10pm on Saturday and 10.30am to 6pm on Sunday, with a different programme of attractions each day. Treat Dad to a special Father's Day lunch in the VIP hospitality area on Sunday for £30 per person. For more information call 0870 2646111 or visit www.thanet.gov.uk/margatesbigevent.

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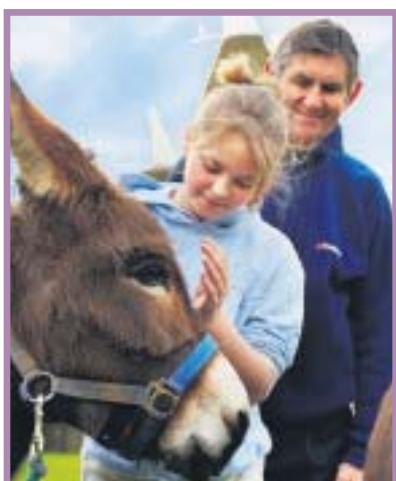
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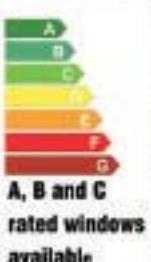
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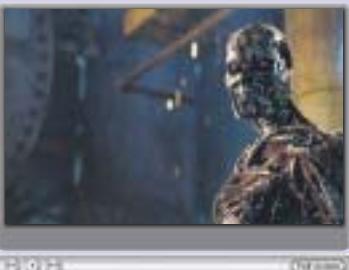
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Ben Stiller and Ricky Gervais return in the sequel to the 2006 family blockbuster, continuing the misadventures of the living exhibits from New York City's famed Museum Of Natural History.

Why Heather's stripper role has a ring of truth

■ BY ELLIE GENOWER

SOME people say it must have been a pretty good party if you wake up the next morning with no memory of what happened the night before.

But piecing together events that took place in an alcoholic haze can be a painful process - just ask the guys in Las Vegas-set comedy *The Hangover*.

Troublesome trio Phil (Bradley Cooper), Stu (Ed Helms) and Alan (Zach Galifianakis) wake up in their swanky Caesar's Palace hotel room after a stag night with no recollection of the previous evening.

There are a few clues: Stu's mysterious missing tooth, Phil's discovery of a baby in the wardrobe and Alan walking in on a tiger in the bathroom.

What's worse is that the boys have also lost Doug, their best friend and groom-to-be, and they have just 48 hours work out what happened and find Doug in time to make it back to Los Angeles for his wedding.

"A lot of people are going to relate to this movie," says Heather Graham, who plays a stripper in the comedy caper.

"Their night is just more horrible than you could have ever imagined."

Clearly, wild nights out aren't just confined to men, and you get the feeling the actress has had a few larger-than-life experiences of her own.

Indeed, she recalls ending up at a New York sado-masochistic dinner club on one hen night a few years back.

She says: "There's a menu which says 'you can be disciplined, you can be tied up, or you can spank or be spanked'. There was another bach-



GIGGLY: Heather Graham does yoga three times a week

elor party in there where a guy was spanking a girl."

Heather, wide-eyed, girly and giggly, doesn't appear 'dark' in the least. Perched on a chair in a garish Caesar's Palace hotel room, she looks cool and collected in navy blue La Roque shorts and a DKNY top, despite the searing Vegas heat outside.

In true Hollywood style, Heather appears

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much younger than her 39 years - which she puts down to eating healthy and three yoga sessions a week.

Having been linked with the likes of Ed Burns and Kyle MacLachlan in the past, Heather has now settled down with 32-year-old director Yaniv Raz.

"No, we're not engaged but we moved in together. It's fun." Marriage may not be on the cards yet, but she admits she is getting broody.

"I was never really that interested (in babies), but recently I'm like 'hmm, that could be fun,'" she says. "I've definitely been thinking about it more lately. I love babies. They are really sweet and they make you happy. They're just such pure joy."

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Company searches for Diverse talent

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Diverse is offering free audition slots to anyone who may have something to offer.

The goal of the project is to create a talent bank of artists who could be put in touch with each other to share ideas or perform together. It could prove to be a hotbed of creativity,

■ BY **TOM BETTS**

with the facilities and technology to put down professional tracks at the Diverse studio in Bunting, near Ashford, already in place.

Bands, songwriters, solo artists, DJs and rappers are all invited to apply. Bookings for the auditions are being taken now.

The firm is run by three industry experts, with insider Malissa Whitehouse – who has worked with a host of big names like Travis and George Michael – heading up the team.

She wants to help newcomers pursue their dream and make a name for themselves.

She said: "This project is our chance to give something back to the music scene in Kent and we're hoping to find some great acts.

"We can help with their development and provide a doorway into the music industry for people who may not have had a chance."

Working with Malissa are producer Lee Golledge, who specialises in rock, indie and alternative material, and Tony Matthew, a former member of 80s soul band Soul II Soul.

The two are highly accomplished musicians and will be on hand to offer their advice to those who join the process.

Malissa added: "We're open to all kinds of artists – whether you're a band looking for exposure or a singer who wants expert advice or studio time, anyone can apply."

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SINGER: Chantelle Curling has already worked with Diverse

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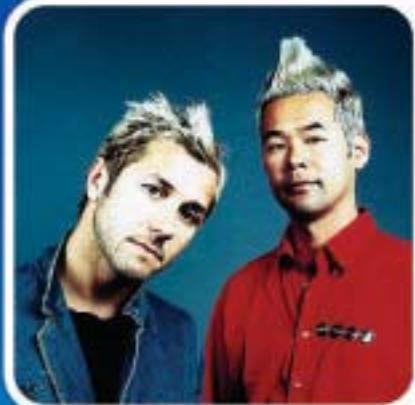
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Their third album 'Echo Park' (2001), spawned the hit single "Buck Rogers" and became their first gold certified album, followed by the platinum selling forth album 'Comfort in Sound' (2002).

Their fifth album 'Pushing the Senses' (2005), became the band's highest charting release peaking at #2 and spawned a headline appearance at the Download Festival. The album's chart peak was matched a year later in 2006 by their singles compilation, and gained the band another platinum certification in the UK. In June 2008, the band released their sixth album 'Silent Cry', followed by a main stage appearance at Reading and Leeds festivals, where they performed 3rd on the bill, before Metallica and Tenacious D.



ASH

First formed in 1992, childhood mates Tim Wheeler (guitar/vocals), Mark Hamilton (bass), and Rick "Rock" McMurray (drums) shared a love for the raw British punk of the Buzzcocks and crafted their musical talents to take the Brit-pop scene by storm at the start of the decade. NME was swooning over these 'teen punkers from Belfast', and by 1994 Ash had signed to Infectious Records to issue the Trailer EP later that fall.

Their glossy youth was undoubtedly alluring, yet their Irish roots exuded a bit of an American flair similar to the likes of Pavement and the Lemonheads. They weren't even out of high school before three singles hit the Top Five in the U.K. indie charts. A year later marked Ash's full-length debut with '1977'.

They were headlining major festivals - T in the Park, Glastonbury, Roskilde, and Reading - and playing countless club dates across the globe. Their next controversial album, 'Nu-Clear Sounds' (1998), had Garbage's Butch Vig (Smashing Pumpkins, Nirvana) at the mixing board which delivered a much darker record. 'Free All Angels' followed in April 2001, with 'Meltdown', the band's first stateside release for Record Collection, arriving in spring 2005. In 2007 the group released 'Twilight of the Innocents', the album they claimed would be their last.

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An awe-inspiring career spanning over 30 years with 22 studio albums (3 No. 1s), 19 live albums and 59 hit singles, the 'Godfather of Electro' and true living legend Gary Numan will join the main stage line-up for a rare festival appearance at this year's Hevy Music Festival.

His first solo single 'Cars' spent weeks on the charts in 1980 and paved the way for an entirely new genre of 'alternative' music. That seminal track helped usher in the synth pop era on both sides of the Atlantic, where he was a genuine pop star and consistent hitmaker during the early '80s. Even after new wave had petered out, Numan's impact continued to make itself felt; his dark, paranoid vision, theatrically icy alien persona, and clinical, robotic sound were echoed strongly in the work of many goth rock and industrial artists to come.

Over the next few years, bands like 'Hole', 'Foo Fighters' and 'Smashing Pumpkins' covered Numan songs in concert, and 'Marilyn Manson' recorded 'Down in the Park' for the B-side of the 'Lunchbox' single. Furthermore, several modern rock bands including 'Nine Inch Nails' often cite Numan as an important influence.

With a guest appearance on cult TV phenomenon 'The Mighty Boosh', and bands including MGMT, Fools, Late Of The Pier and Bloc Party bringing electronic music back into the mainstream once again, Numan has enjoyed a recent revival, and is often credited as being the 'Godfather of Electro'.

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YOUR TV REVIEW

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- MICHAEL MCINTYRE'S COMEDY ROADSHOW**
BBC One, 9.30pm, Saturday
- AMERICA'S GOT TALENT**
ITV1, 10pm, Thursday

STAND-UP comedy has made a triumphant reappearance on Saturday night prime-time TV thanks to award-winning funny man Michael McIntyre.

The 32-year-old's meteoric rise has been confirmed with his fronting of the new variation on the Live at the Apollo format.

The first of the series was held in Edinburgh, with McIntyre's pseudo-camp posturing proving a good foil for his light-hearted mockery of Scottish culture. His parody of everything Celtic, from Scotch egg to Scotch tape, went down well when he put on the brusque, Braveheart-inspired accent, as did his skit on wearing tartan kilts and sporrans.

He gave way to the first of four guest acts, Glasgow-born Kevin Bridges, whose measured delivery to stretch out the jokes was good, but fortunate it only lasted ten minutes.

He was followed by Stewart Francis and Mark Watson, who were much wittier and sharper in their observation, topped by Rhod Gilbert, arguably the most well-known of the line-up alongside McIntyre.

Sean Lock, Al Murray and Patrick Kielty are among the other guest comedians scheduled to appear this series, in what should make for good entertainment.

Britain's Got Talent victim Susan Boyle has barely out of rehab five minutes when another load of hapless wannabes have hit our screens.

Just ten minutes into the first episode of America's Got Talent I decide, categorically, that I am never



FUNNY GUY: Michael McIntyre is the host of BBC1's new comedy show on Saturday nights

going to the USA. It's not just the cheesiness of judge David Hasselhoff or the baying, screeching crowd. It's the absolute over-the-top feeling that encompasses everything American.

I know the British version of the hit show is ridiculously edited to pull at the heart-strings, but at least the normality of Ant and Dec keeps your average viewer grounded.

In the first episode of AGT, it takes almost 15 minutes to introduce the judges with a tacky voiceover from Jerry Springer – a telling sign of what's to follow.

Attention is focused on Sharon Osbourne, Piers Morgan and David Hasselhoff – mainly as the contestants are so very uninspiring.

But so far, over a week into this show I can honestly count the number of "talented" people on one hand and Piers Morgan is somehow morphing into Simon Cowell as the 'scary' judge.

All he needs now is some high-waisted trousers.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

DON'T be shy with a newcomer on the social scene. Showing off your creative talent is the best way to capture their attention and win their heart. If you're already in a relationship, be sure to tell your beloved just how much you care. Sometimes actions aren't enough to calm their worries.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

IT'S time to talk salary, even if you've been working somewhere for only a short time. If you feel you're being underpaid, speak up. Your employer won't be able to argue with your logic. If you can't get more money, ask to have your responsibilities scaled back.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

YOUR ideas are way ahead of their time so don't be surprised if not everyone instantly understands them or appreciates their true worth. At times you will grit your teeth with frustration over the short-sightedness of people around you but if you keep calm, you will prevail.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

GETTING someone to admit their deepest, darkest secrets is child's play to you. You have a knack of putting people at their ease and persuading them to open their heart to you. Take care that you use what you learn wisely. Using it to destroy a rival's reputation could backfire.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

THE key to your happiness may be tuning out a meddling relative. They may say they want the best for you, but they don't really understand your creative nature. If you have to make a choice between financial security and creative fulfilment, you'll pick the latter every time.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

GET straight to the point or you could miss a golden opportunity. Time is of the essence, particularly when it comes to love and money. It's probably best to keep your plans a secret, just to give you the inside track. A creative professional could show an interest in you and your work.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

NOTHING escapes your attention. This is a great time to go on job interviews and meet with authority figures. Whether you want a job or aim to change and improve the world around you is immaterial. You can move mountains through your powers of persuasion.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

YOU'LL catch more flies with honey than vinegar. Resist the urge to tell a misguided official what's what. Their plans are totally absurd, but they're not prepared to hear that. Humour them with a few constructive comments and then suggest an alternate way of doing things.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

YOUR silver-tongued gift of the gab is highlighted this week making it a great time to strike up a conversation with a mysterious newcomer. The two of you will hit it off like strawberries and cream. A social outing may be cancelled, so it's wise to have a plan B in place, just in case.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

IT'S probably best to keep your thoughts a secret. A misguided neighbour or relative is intent on pushing ahead with a plan and nothing you say will change that. Go ahead and let them make their own mistakes. Money you've been waiting for could be delayed.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755

LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

AN upbeat attitude opens plenty of doors. Don't back down when dealing with a pessimist. A few well-chosen remarks may be all it takes to get them to see sense. A youngster shows some signs of backsliding, but by gently revising your approach they will get back on track.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

LEARN as much as you can about a computer program or gadget. Being technically savvy will make you a hot commodity on the job market. If you get offered a position go ahead and ask for a higher salary. Watch what you say around a young person or you could find yourself in hot water.

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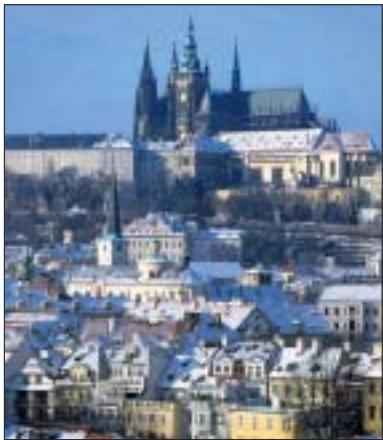


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Beautiful Bohemia

THE mention of Bohemia might have plenty of people in the UK – including even some seasoned travellers – scratching their heads and reaching for the map of Europe.

But after a visit to historic Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic, I found it a great place to escape the hustle and bustle – all within a 90-minute drive from the city and its airport.

From the converted 300-year-old farmhouse where we stayed in the village of Ujzed on the

■ BY PETER BEAL

edge of the Sumava National Park, we could walk all day through woods, hills and fields, seeing hardly another soul.

For real outdoor enthusiasts, it's possible to mountain-bike for more than 30 miles on undisturbed trails as far as the German border.

Two hours after leaving our farmhouse retreat, a walk brought us to the former silver-mining village of Hory Matla Boz – it means Mountains of the Mother of God – where our



host, guide and interpreter Richard Eccles took us into the local inn, the sort of place where time seems to have stood still.

I enjoyed a simple rustic meal of the delicious local soup kulajda, made of milk, cream, eggs, potato, cumin and dill, that arrived in a huge bowl and cost about 50 pence a head. It was washed down with a pint of beer costing about 65 pence.

The area's rich history is celebrated with joy in the fairytale town of Cesky Krumlov, about a 90-minute drive from the Ujzed farmhouse.

Painstakingly-renovated houses and cottages line the winding cobbled streets, squares and courtyards of what is hailed as one of the best-preserved Renaissance towns in Europe, together with one of the world's best two 17-century baroque theatres.

We ate in the welcoming cavern-like basement of the Satlav restaurant, where a huge barbecue grill warms the air.

Traditional garlic soup comes with a loaf of bread serving as its bowl (£1.50), while the main course of pecene koleno – roasted pork knee, with mustard, horseradish, bread and potato pancakes (£6.50) – could just about feed a family of four.

Beer fans will love Bohemia. The famous Pilsner Urquell brewery in Pilzen, producing beer for more than 170 years, offers informative guided tours and has an excellent museum nearby with its own pub attached.

We were taken to the Modra Hvezda Hotel in the picturesque town of Dobrany, where master brewer Petr Petrułasek, 42, single-handedly and lovingly produces 40,000 litres of ale a year, all of it drunk in the hotel and restaurant's own bars.

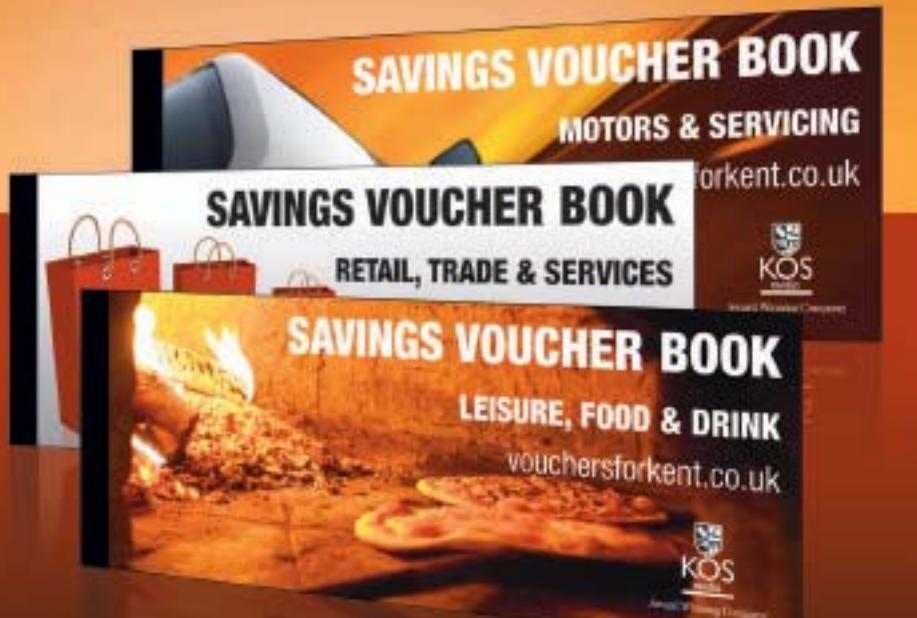
At 11am the wood-panelled bar and dining rooms, dominated by the copper brewing vats, were almost full with workers taking their traditional early lunch.

Petr produces his list of beers, ranging from a modest 3.8 per cent strength to an alarming 9 per cent special Christmas ale, and suggests we taste them all in turn. We opt for a more modest programme, bearing in mind the time of day.

He saw us on our way with a glass of his speciality pivni palenka – a spirit distilled from one of his beers with a strength of 50 per cent. Fortunately, we had a driver.

Travel details

- Peter Beal flew to Prague with bmibaby from Manchester. Daily flights start from £40.99 one way, including taxes and charges. BMibaby reservations: 0871 224 0224 and www.bmibaby.com.
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- Double rooms at the Hotel Josef in Prague start at 142 euros (approx £112) a night. Visit www.hoteljosef.com, or call 00 42 0221 700 930.
- The holiday home website www.holidaylettings.co.uk lists almost 50 holiday homes in Bohemia, ranging from apartments in central Prague to cottages in the Silent Valley National Park. Prices range from £100 per week for two people to £1,000 per week-plus for luxurious properties.



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We don't want to buy, we just want to snoop

A SURVEY by PropertyLive.co.uk has revealed that 20 per cent of people view houses just to snoop around other people's homes.

The survey found that one in five said they had viewed a property they could not afford and were not even looking to buy a home. According to the research, seven per cent said they liked to view houses to get ideas for their own homes.

Meanwhile, a previous survey conducted by PropertyLive.co.uk discovered that 12 per cent of people looked on property websites to find out how much their neighbours' homes were worth.

Peter Bolton King, chief executive of the National Federation of Property Professionals, said: "It's no secret that Britons are obsessed with looking at property, but what this research suggests is that for some people it has become a full-time hobby."

Interest rates are held

THE Bank of England has announced it is holding interest rates at 0.5 per cent for the third consecutive month.

The level of interest was announced alongside a continued focus on quantitative easing.

Housing market specialists were left unsurprised by the news, which had been predicted for some time. However, they added it was a good move.



KEY OF THE DOOR: The house rental market is starting to show a sustained recovery thanks to falling supply and rising prices, but the opposite situation exists for flats

Rent market for houses shows encouraging signs but flats lagging behind

HOUSES and flats have gone in different ways in the rental market, with houses beginning to show the first signs of recovery.

FindaProperty.com's rental index for May discovered the average asking rent remained unchanged, despite being 5.5 per cent lower than last year, with signs the rental market for houses and flats was beginning to divide.

A fall in house supply in the rental market was seen for the third consecutive month, as well as a modest rise in rents, while flats continued to suffer from rising supply and falling rents.

Properties were on the rental market for 16 days longer than in May last year, with FindaProperty saying "there are early signs of recovery with monthly rental growth in the South East". Rental yield fell slightly to 4.56 per cent, with average yields now standing at

■ BY NICK AMES

4.31 per cent for houses and 5.25 per cent for flats.

Andrew Smith, head of the research, said: "A slowing in the increase of supply and signs that asking rents are beginning to stabilise indicate that we may be close to the bottom of the rental market."

Full swing

"However, the house and flat markets continue to polarise, with houses starting to show a sustained recovery thanks to falling supply levels and rising prices, while the flat market seems to be lagging behind with increasing supply levels and asking rents that continue to fall."

In the capital, asking rents were experiencing a rise of 0.4 per cent for May, now standing at

at £1,630 pcm, compared with the average UK asking rent of £819.

The largest month-on-month increase in rents was experienced in Scotland, where a rise of 0.9 per cent took the average asking rent to £693 per month.

The West Midlands also experienced a 0.3 per cent month-on-month increase in rental prices, which FindaProperty.com said was driven partially by a 1.9 per cent increase in rents for properties in Birmingham.

Mr Smith said: "In line with the overall picture of the UK rental market, there are some early signs of regional revival, with London and the South East leading the way in England, and Scotland also experiencing rental growth. However, there is still a long way to go until the recovery is in full swing."

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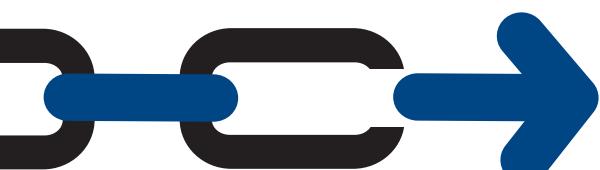
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WILLESBOROUGH £165,000
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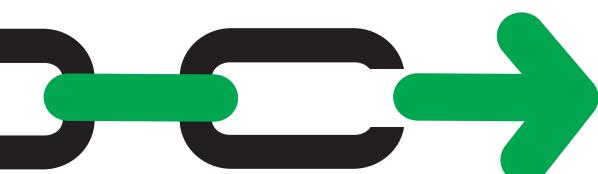


BROOK OIEO £325,000
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*Source: *Hometrack Mar 09. **National Association of Estate Agents Mar 09.



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High fiver Skoda also goes a touch greener

SKODA is taking orders on the Octavia Greenline, joining the Fabia and Superb Greenline in the Czech marque's line-up of most environmentally-friendly models.

Its frugal low emission (114g/km of CO₂) 1.6-litre diesel is highly tax-efficient for company car users. Skoda – just confirmed in the JD Power customer satisfaction survey top five for the 14th year in succession – has also boosted Scrappage allowances on the Octavia range.

Prices range from just £8,995 for anyone trading in a car 10 or more years old.



Soul star sitting high in charts after launch

KIA sold 1,000 eye-catching Soul models within 100 days of launch – an impressive feat in the recession for a car breaking new ground for the UK and the Korean carmaker.

Half of sales were for the mid-range Soul 2, but Kia has tapped a rich marketing seam through 'Originals' custom packages, with the Soul Shaker landing 16 per cent slice of all sales; it comes with 18-inch alloys, houndstooth interior trim and reversing camera with a small LCD screen hidden in the rear view mirror.



Volvo celebrates taking top What Car? honour

VOLVO scooped top honours at the 2009 What Car? Green Car Awards with its S40 1.6D DRIVe featuring new Start/Stop technology.

The Swede beat the BMW 118d and Renault Megane in the small family category before storming to victory against other category winners helped by CO₂ emissions of just 104g/km (£35/year road tax) and returning 72.4mpg on the official combined cycle, but also scored for practicality, safety and driver enjoyment.



LEADING THE WAY: The SLK looks good and is suited to long distance business meetings or a weekend away with boot space for two decent-sized bags, even with the roof folded down

SLK's class shows in the race to be best crop top

ROAD TEST MERCEDES SLK

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal



Image



Space



Value



Running costs



Reliability



Green rating



Once in motion, it feels solid even with roof down and the wind deflector – £210 extra, I'm afraid – and side windows allow easy conversation even at the legal motorway limit.

For the SLK is that rare sports car truly suited to a long distance business meeting or weekend away; the folded roof steals boot space, but there is room for two decent-size soft bags – capacity drops from 300 to 208 litres when the roof is retracted – and plenty of stowage inside the cabin.

The £200 'Direct Steering' pack on our car made the wheel a bit too light, but the SLK's rear-driven chassis is beautifully-weighted and the optional sports chassis (£185) is set up to hug even tighter to corners, yet ride quality is excellent for this category.

Past experience shows the test car's 229bhp 3.498cc V6 is probably the best power option, though the 200 Kompressor and awesome 5.5-litre V8 AMG mount strong arguments.

However, the smooth V6 feels blunted somewhat by the £1,575 seven-speed auto transmission. It changes smoothly, can be driven in manual mode and does not dent the car's performance, but I wonder if it might be liberated more by a self-shifter?



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C3 1.1i Desire 5dr, lv05wrf, citroen c3 1.1i desire, 5 doors, manual, hatchback, petrol, 2005 05 reg, 16, 453 miles, blue, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, computer, driver airbag, electric windows, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, insurance group: 2, £4,795 p/x welcome, blue, £4795, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

C4 GRAND PICASSO, 2.0hdi 16v vtr 5dr 5dr egs, 7 seater, 5 doors, automatic, estate, diesel, 2007 57 reg, 19,750 miles, metallic black, 1 owner, abs, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, roof rails, side airbags, radio/cd, traction control. insurance group: 9, this is the 7 seat car, seven seater, p/x welcome, £6,114.95, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

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GRANDE PUNTO, gd08axs, fiat grande punto 1.2 active 5dr [ac] 360, 5 doors, manual, hatchback, petrol, 2008 08 reg, 7,500 miles, metallic blue, abs, alloy wheels, cd, central locking, computer, driver airbag, electric windows, remote locking, £6,955 p/x welcome, blue, £6955, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

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C-MAX, 1.6TDCi Zetec 5dr, 5 doors, manual, estate, diesel, 2008 08 reg, 28,102 miles, metallic sea grey, 17 alloy upgrade, abs, adjustable steering column/wheel, air con, alloy wheels, central locking, cloth upholstery, colour coding body, driver airbag, electric mirrors, foglights, heated screen, immobiliser, metallic paintwork, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, full service history. insurance group: 7, £1,495, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

FIESTA 1400TDCi, lv09smc, ford fiesta 1400tdci "new" van **only 14 miles** 1400cc, manual, panel van, diesel, 2009 09 reg, 40 miles, metallic blue, finance available, full dealer facilities, p/h-leasing, warranty, £6,990 +vat, blue, Crayford, 01322 621667 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 LX 5dr, ng05cxtu, ford focus 1.6 lx, 5 doors, manual, hatchback, petrol, 2005 05 reg, 26, 367 miles, aquarius, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests, blue, £6995, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.8 TDCi Titanium 5dr, ov08ppz, ford focus 1.8 tdcii titanium, 5 doors, manual, hatchback, diesel, 2008 08 reg, 25,473 miles, machine silver, abs, air conditioning, alloy wheels, electric windows, side airbags, heated screen, locking wheel nuts, lumbar support, multi function steering wheel, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, tinted glass, traction control, silver, £12495, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 Zetec S 5dr, manual, hatchback, petrol, 2009 09 reg, 6 miles, metallic ocean blue, abs, adjustable seats, front armrest, head restraints, folding rear seats, lumbar support, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests, silver, £10995, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 2.0 TDCi Titanium 3dr, y08ewp, ford focus 2.0 tdcii titanium, 3 doors, manual, hatchback, diesel, 2008 08 reg, 24,048 miles, metallic panther black, abs, air conditioning, alloy wheels, electric windows, side airbags, radio/cd, all vehicles come with balance of 3 year, black, £12695, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

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A150, 5 DOOR Classic SE, 2009, mistral blue, 3500 miles, £14,997, Ashford, 0845 481 6427 (TRADE)

A150, 3 DOOR Classic SE, 2008, polar silver metallic, 4000 miles, £12460, Maidstone, 0845 481 6487 (TRADE)

A150, 3 DOOR Classic SE, 2008, polar silver metallic, 7625 miles, £10380, Maidstone, 0845 481 6487 (TRADE)

A160 CDI, 5 DOOR Classic SE, 2009, cosmos black metallic, £15480, Maidstone, 0845 481 6487 (TRADE)

A160 CDI, 5 DOOR Classic SE, 2009, mistral blue, 5000 miles, £14980, Maidstone, 0845 481 6487 (TRADE)

A160 CDI, 5 DOOR Classic SE, 2008, polar silver metallic, 5000 miles, £13997, Ashford, 0845 481 6427 (TRADE)

A170, 5 DOOR Classic SE, 2009, mistral blue, 5000 miles, £15994, Tonbridge, 0845 481 6497 (TRADE)

A180 CDI, 5 DOOR Avantgarde SE, 2009, lotus blue metallic, 1500 miles, £17901, Tonbridge, 0845 481 6497 (TRADE)

A180 CDI, 5 DOOR Avantgarde SE, 2009, black, 5000 miles, £14944, Tonbridge, 0845 481 6497 (TRADE)

A180 CDI, Classic SE Manual 5 DR Classic SE, 2006, atoll blue metallic, 27024 miles, £8997, Ashford, 0845 481 6427 (TRADE)

C220 CDI, SE, 2008, iridium silver metallic, 5000 miles, £22494, Tonbridge, 0845 481 6497 (TRADE)

C220 CDI, Avantgarde SE, 2007, jasper blue metallic, 64228 miles, £14500, Tonbridge, 0845 481 6497 (TRADE)

C220 CDI, Sport, 2008, obsidian black metallic, 13000 miles, £24997, Ashford, 0845 481 6427 (TRADE)

C220 CDI, Sport, 2009, obsidian black metallic, 5000 miles, £24997, Ashford, 0845 481 6427 (TRADE)

C220 CDI, Sport, 2008, palladium silver metallic, 7500 miles, £28997, Ashford, 0845 481 6427 (TRADE)

C220 CDI, Sport, 2008, palladium silver metallic, 13359 miles, £21994, Tonbridge, 0845 481 6497 (TRADE)

C220 CDI, Sport, 2009, palladium silver metallic, 7800 miles, £26997, Ashford, 0845 481 6427 (TRADE)

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CARISMA, 1.6 Elegance 5dr, gl04rvn, mitsubishi carisma 1.6 elegance, 5 doors, manual, hatchback, petrol, 2004 04 reg, 10,000 miles, metallic silver, 1 owner, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, leather seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, rear armrest, radio/cd, rear headrests, silver, £3995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

COLT, 1.5 CZC3 2dr, 2 doors, manual, cabriolet, petrol, 2009 09 reg, 50 miles, metallic orange, 1 owner, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, leather seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, rear armrest, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests, silver, £10995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

COLT, 1.5 CZC3 2dr, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, leather seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, rear armrest, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests, silver, £10995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

C220 CDI, Sport, 2008, obsidian black metallic, 13000 miles, £24997, Ashford, 0845 481 6427 (TRADE)

C220 CDI, Sport, 2009, obsidian black metallic, 5000 miles, £24997, Ashford, 0845 481 6427 (TRADE)

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C220 CDI, Sport, 2008, palladium silver metallic, 13359 miles, £21994, Tonbridge, 0845 481 6497 (TRADE)

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LANCER, 1.8 GS3 4dr, gl08ycg, mitsubishi lancer 1.8 gs3, 4 doors, manual, saloon, petrol, 2008 08 reg, 9,000 miles, metallic silver, 1 owner, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, leather seats, locking wheel nuts, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, traction control. insurance group: 8, 724 +vat, silver, £8249, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

307, 2.0 S 2dr Auto "Parking Sensors", automatic, cabriolet, petrol, 2006 06 reg, 32,000 miles, metallic black, 1 owner, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, sports seats. insurance group: 5, £7,795 p/x welcome, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

307, 2.0 S 2dr Auto "Parking Sensors", automatic, cabriolet, petrol, 2006 06 reg, 32,000 miles, metallic black, 1 owner, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, sports seats. insurance group: 5, £7,795 p/x welcome, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

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Driving appeal	★★★★★
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STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
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CRICKET

BY TOM HOWARD

Kent League Division One

Ashford Town 1st XI v The Mote 1st XI

ASHFORD Town came within three wickets of clinching their first win of the season, as they halted The Mote's charge towards the top of Division One.

The hosts won the toss and chose to bat, which proved to be an inspired decision. Town put together one of their best batting performances of the season by posting a score of 246 for 5, which earned a winning draw.

Openers Matthew Lincoln and Liam Tegg got Ashford off to a great start by scoring 47 each. The Mote's bowlers found the going tough and the partnership was only broken by a run out before Tom Harvey claimed the wicket of Tegg shortly after. The Mote failed to capitalise on the breakthrough, as Shannon Fattore (38) and James Watson (48) built on the brisk start to the innings.

Visiting captain Glen Aukett struck and grabbed two quick wickets to get The Mote back into the game.

However, Ashford captain Craig Buckham added 41 to put the hosts in a commanding position. The pick of The Mote bowlers was Aukett who took 2 for 54.

The Mote's response was weak with openers Matthew White and Tom Harvey struggling to deal with Ashford's bowling attack. White went for just eight off of the bowling of Mohsin Raza and Harvey (28) followed soon after.

Raza and Tegg kept causing The Mote's batsmen problems, with the visitors four wickets down for only 66.

Aukett and Warren Jackson provided the only resistance, batting out the remaining overs, denying Ashford their first win of the season.

This Saturday Ashford host Canterbury, while Tenterden travel to The Mote.

Ashford denied first win by plucky Mote



FAST START: Ashford Town opening batsman Matt Lincoln scored 47 as Ashford Town drew with The Mote at the weekend

SCOREBOARD

Ashford Town

	Runs			
Matthew Lincoln	run out			
Liam Tegg	ct Aukett b Harvey			
Shannon Fattore	ct Back b Daley			
James Watson	not out			
Simon Taylor	ct Thirkell b Aukett			
Alex Watson	b Aukett			
Craig Buckham	not out			
Andrew Maurice	did not bat			
Gavin Hope	did not bat			
Chris Senior	did not bat			
Mohsin Raza	did not bat			
Extras (5b, 6lb, 4w, 6nb)	21			
Total (5 wickets, 50 overs)	246			
Bowlers				
0	M	R	W	
Kym Daley	9	1	41	1
Laurence Waters	11	1	59	0
Glen Aukett	15	1	54	2
Tom Harvey	13	2	53	1
Matthew White	1	0	8	0
Daniel Thirkell	1	0	20	0

The Mote

	Runs			
Matthew White	b Raza			
Tom Harvey	ct Taylor b Tegg			
Richard Coles	b Raza			
Daniel Thirkell	ct Buckham b Tegg			
Chris Back	ct Fattore b Buckham			
Ed De Lucy	ct Fattore b Buckham			
Glen Aukett	not out			
Laurence Waters	lbw b Raza			
Warren Jackson	not out			
Kym Daley	did not bat			
Alex Fordham	did not bat			
Extras (4b, 1lb, 4w, 2nb)	11			
Total (7 wickets, 50 overs)	142			
Bowlers				
0	M	R	W	
Mohsin Raza	12	4	23	3
Liam Tegg	12	3	19	2
Andrew Maurice	3	0	17	0
Alex Watson	8	1	37	0
Craig Buckham	10	3	19	2
James Watson	2	0	5	0
Matthew Lincoln	1	0	4	0
Simon Taylor	2	0	13	0

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Folkestone 1st XI v Tenterden 1st XI

A DISASTROUS batting collapse saw Folkestone comfortably beaten by six wickets against Tenterden to leave them just three points above the bottom two.

The home side chose to bat after winning the toss and at 78 for 3 looked in good shape. But Daniel Clark's dismissal sparked an almighty slump which saw six more batsmen dismissed with just 17 runs added to the total.

Tenterden reached the lowly target with 18 overs to spare.

Folkestone

	Runs			
Anthony Stanley	run out			
David Miles	ct Freeman b Brann			
Ashok Kadam	run out			
Daniel Clark	ct Daking b Baker			
Luke Sage	b Chanda			
Laurence Ward	ct Curteis b Baker			
Karl Boffey	lbw b Chanda			
Andy Bray	ct Brann b Baker			
Michael James	b Chanda			
Ryan Currie	not out			
Liam Hark	ct Daynes b Chanda			
Extras	(2b, 2nb)			
Total	(all out, 43 overs) 95			
Bowlers				
0	M	R	W	
Ben Daking	15	5	33	0
Mark Brann	6	1	18	1
Timir Chanda	10	5	13	4
Mark Baker	12	1	29	3

Tenterden

	Runs			
Daniel McDonald	b Currie			
Andrew Crawford	b Kadam			
Nick Daynes	ct Clark b Currie			
Paul Brann	not out			
Timir Chanda	ct Currie b Currie			
Scott Freeman	not out			
Mark Brann	did not bat			
Mark Baker	did not bat			
Ben Daking	did not bat			
Tim Curteis	did not bat			
Tevis Knight (jnr)	did not bat			
Extras	(1lb, 1w, 3nb)			
Total	(4 wickets, 32 overs) 98			
Bowlers				
0	M	R	W	
Michael James	6	1	18	0
Andy Bray	6	2	27	0
Ashok Kadam	10	4	10	1
Ryan Currie	94	2	42	3

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE

Ashford Town CC 3rd XI v Bromley Town CC 1st XI

A CALAMITOUS display with the bat saw Ashford Town 3rds lose to Bromley by 103 runs on Saturday.

The home side will have been pleased with their efforts in the field, bowling Bromley out for 138. Darren Cooper, Thomas Bailey and Matthew Franklin all took three wickets apiece. But the reply never got off the ground and despite chasing a modest target they collapsed to an embarrassing low total, with only Matthew Eccles reaching double figures.

Bromley Town

	Runs			
William Goodyear	b Cooper			
David Scorer	ct Colman b Cooper			
Paul Slamon	b Bailey			
Saikumar Chalasani	b Cooper			
Thomas Smith	run out			
Marcus Howarth	ct Franklin b Bailey			
David Halliday	ct Colman b Franklin			
Tom Goodey	ct Colman b Bailey			
Angus Smart	ct Colman b Bailey			
Christopher Ramsey	b Franklin			
Ian Porter	not out			
Extras	(2b, 3lb, 5w, 10nb)			
Total	(all out, 36 overs) 138			
Bowlers				
0	M	R	W	
Darren Cooper	15	2	38	3
Matthew Eccles	5	0	25	0
Thomas Bailey	13	4	46	3
Matthew Franklin	2	0	7	3
Luca Sardo	1	0	9	0

Ashford Town

	Runs			
Chris Eccles	ct Slamon b Porter			
Darren Cooper	lbw b Goodyear			
David Coulson	b Goodyear			
Matthew Eccles	ct Howarth b Porter			
Thomas Bailey	ct Slamon b Porter			
Luca Sardo	b Goodyear			
Charlie Colman	b Goodyear			
Matthew Franklin	b Porter			
Mark Gill	not out			
Simon Woodhams	lbw b Porter			
Extras	(5w)			
Total	(all out, 19.2 overs) 35			
Bowlers				
0	M	R	W	
William Goodyear	10	2	25	4
Ian Porter	9.2	4	10	5

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1A

Deal Victoria & Barns Close 1st XI v Wye 1st XI

WYE were on the receiving end of a heavy defeat as they lost to league leaders Deal Victoria by 239 runs on Saturday.

With the exception of an early run out, all Deal Victoria's batsmen who made it to the crease cashed in. No fewer than four hit half-centuries as the home side scored at more than seven runs an over.

Successfully chasing a monster total was always unlikely and Wye were dismissed with 18 overs remaining.

Deal Victoria & Barns Close

	Runs			
Andrew Furness	run out			
Mark Birrell	ct Brooke b Brooke			
Charles Maili	ct Brooke b Shannon			
Matthew Carley	ct Barlow b Barlow			
Robbie Brannan	not out			
Sam Killip	not out			
Stephen Moran	did not bat			
Matthew Hudson	did not bat			
Alex Hinkins	did not bat			
Scott McNamara	did not bat			
Graham McNamara	did not bat			
Extras	(5b, 6lb, 6w)			
Total	(4 wickets, 46 overs) 17			
Bowlers				
0	M	R	W	
Edward Hoyle	12	4	28	0
Wayne Edlin	5	0	71	0
Nick Brooke	12	0	101	1
Matt Barlow	10	0	78	1
Mark Shannon	7	1	53	1

Wye

	Runs			
David Parry	ct Carley b Killip			
Nick Brooke	lbw b Hinkins			
Giles Starley	b Hinkins			
Raj Mahadevaiah	ct Moran b Moran			
Nick Eve	not out			
Wayne Edlin	ct Maili b Moran			
Edward Hoyle	ct Hinkins b McNamara			
David Fletcher	b Moran			
Mark Shannon	lbw b Moran			
Matt Barlow	absent			
Stuart Wise	absent			
Extras	(4b, 7lb, 20w, 1nb)			
Total	(all out, 50 overs) 109			
Bowlers				
0	M	R	W	
Nick Graham	11	1	40	2
Ryan Hall	13	0	49	4
Peter Turnbull	8	0	26	0
Nathan Ingleston	8	0	53	0
Stewart Graham	4	0	26	0
Garry Reynolds	6	0	35	0

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 2ND XI

Tenterden 2nd XI v Folkestone 2nd XI

A STUNNING all-round performance from Bradley Hobbs failed to earn Tenterden a win as they had to settle for a winning draw.

Folkestone gave the home side a mountain to climb after scoring 260 from their allotted 50 overs. Nick Graham top scored with 77 before falling to the bowling of Hobbs, who claimed figures of 3 for 57. The total proved to be beyond Tenterden's reach, despite Hobbs showing his class with the bat in hitting 85 as they finished on 240 for 6.

Folkestone

	Runs			
Stewart Graham	ct Hobbs b Hope			
Garry Reynolds	lbw b Hope			
Matt Day	b Hope			
Nick Graham	ct Norton b Hobbs			
Peter Turnbull	ct Hobbs b Hope			
Neil Taylor	b Barton			
Luke Wright	b Hobbs			
Phil Johnson	b Hobbs			
Nathan Ingleston	not out			
Alex Feaver	not out			
Ryan Hall	did not bat			
Extras	(13b, 6lb, 16w, 1nb)			
Total	(8 wickets, 50 overs) 260			
Bowlers				
0	M	R	W	
Paul Hope	15	3	66	4
Stuart Saunders	10	1	43	0
Bradley Hobbs	13	0	57	1
Matt Barton	10	0	58	1

Tenterden

	Runs			
Matthew Soloman	b Graham			
Bradley Hobbs	c & b Graham			
Chris Hobbs	ct Taylor b Hall			
Matt Barton	b Hall			
Paul Hope	ct Graham b Hall			
James Berningham	not out			
David Norton	not out			
Richard Pearman	did not bat			
Fergus Elias	did not bat			
Stuart Saunders	did not bat			
Bertie Burger	did not bat			
Extras	(4b, 7lb, 20w, 1nb)			
Total	(all out, 50 overs) 240			
Bowlers				
0	M	R	W	
Nick Graham	11	1	40	2
Ryan Hall	13	0	49	4
Peter Turnbull	8	0	26	0
Nathan Ingleston	8	0	53	0
Stewart Graham	4	0	26	0
Garry Reynolds	6	0	35	0

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Ransley is ready to row in the World Cup



WORLD CUP: Tom Ransley is competing for Great Britain in Munich this weekend

ROWER Tom Ransley is in the Great Britain squad hoping to maintain its superb form in the World Cup this weekend.

The 23-year-old from Ashford is in the men's eight for the second round in Munich, Germany, which begins on Friday.

Britain underlined their reputation as a rowing powerhouse in the first of the three World Cup regattas in Banyoles, Spain, last month. Team GB won nine gold medals at the event to finish with 94 points, 56 more than nearest challengers Italy. Ransley won a bronze medal as the eights came in third behind Italy and Poland.

The points tally means Britain are hot favourites to win the overall title after the final round in Lucerne, Switzerland next month. Despite the healthy lead there will be more competition in a larger field in Munich.

David Tanner, GB Rowing

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Performance Director, said: "We had some marvellous results in Banyoles and won the overall World Cup points tally there but we don't expect such a straightforward ride in Munich."

As well as World Cup points, places in the GB team for the World and European Championships held later this year, are also at stake for those competing.

There will be plenty of local interest in Ransley's race, as he is joined by Tom Solesbury from Petts Wood and Herne Bay's Dan Ritchie, who has recovered the injury which kept him out of Banyoles. Ransley and Solesbury competed against each other in this year's boat race, with the latter's Oxford crew coming out on top.



WORLD CHALLENGE: Leon Camier has a busy schedule ahead after earning a wild card for the British round of the World Superbike Championship

Camier eyes the double in World Superbike series

LEON Camier will take on the best super-bike riders in the world after being handed a wild card for the British round of the World Superbike Championship later this month.

The Ashford rider has dominated the British Superbike Championship this season winning six of the eight races so far. The 22-year-old is hoping to take his form into the World series event and cause an upset at Donington Park on June 26.

He said: "Ever since the team told me we were going to be given wild cards at Donington Park, I have been counting down the days. It is going to be really interesting to see how we perform against the World Superbike teams.

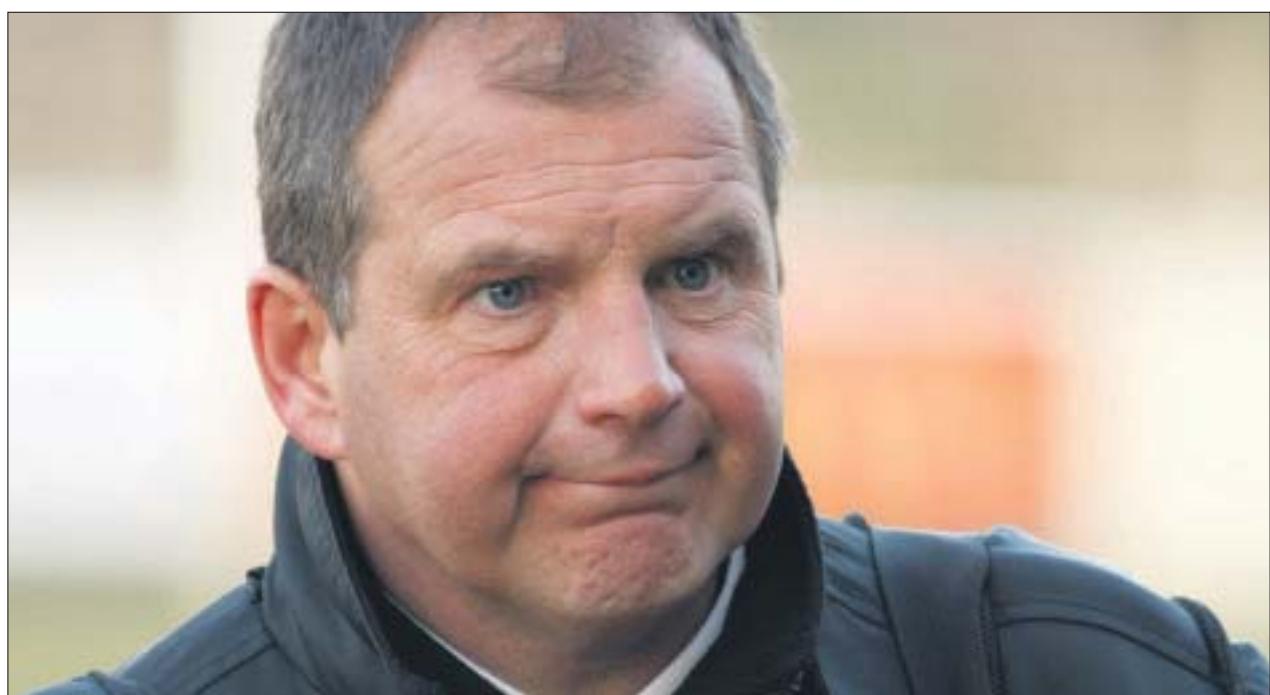
"We know the competition will be tough, but we'll be working flat out to see a British team on the podium at our home round. Hopefully the Airwaves Yamaha fans will be there to support us."

The event will see Camier meet up with Shepperton rider and former team-mate Shane Byrne, who rides for Sterilgarda Ducati. Byrne is the last Brit to win the British round of the World Superbike Championship as a wild card rider, after recording a memorable double win at Brands Hatch in 2003.

Before Camier can focus on causing an upset at Donington, he has the small matter of maintaining his championship lead with the series heading to Snetterton this weekend.

The Norfolk circuit is a favourite of the championship leader, after he secured his first career British Superbike race win at the venue this time last year.

With one of his main rivals Sylvain Guintoli out for ten weeks after a freak accident, it is looking as though Camier will battle with team-mate James Ellison for the 2009 title. Just 38 points separates the Airwaves Yamaha riders in the standings.



VERDICT: Ashford Town manager Steve Lovell is hoping to hear a verdict from the club's owners regarding his future at Homelands this week

Lovell waits to learn his future at Homelands

FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

STEVE Lovell will find out if he will continue as Ashford Town manager for next season, as negotiations between the club's owners are due to end this week.

The Ashford Town manager has been left in the dark surrounding his future since the end of last season. The club have been hit by financial problems, following a dispute between Ashford's owners Don Crosbie and Tony Betteridge, that became apparent in April.

However, Lovell believes both his and the

club's uncertain future will be resolved this week.

He said: "I have been told there are a number of discussions going on behind the scenes, but I should know my future. Negotiations have been taking place and I have been told there will be a verdict for definite."

If Lovell is announced as the Ashford manager for next season, he will have just six weeks to build a squad ready for the beginning of the Ryman South campaign.

Town have released their pre-season schedule, which is the clearest indication yet that Ashford will be taking part in the Ryman South next season.

All of Town's pre-season fixtures are away from Homelands, apart from a game against new tenants Maidstone United on July 25. Ashford begin their pre-season with a trip to

Holmesdale on July 14 and games against Tunbridge Wells, Margate, Ashford Town (Middlesex) and Thamesmead Town will follow.

Lovell is disappointed Ashford's behind the scenes problems have prevented them from attracting bigger teams to play against during pre-season.

He said: "We have had to organise pre-season friendlies so that if we have a team playing in the league next season we will be able to get the squad ready in time. The players need to get a few games under their belts before the season begins."

"I am a little bit disappointed with who we are due to play. I would have liked to have played some bigger sides, maybe even Football League, but in order to do that we would have had to organise well in advance."

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